

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-163-C - ORDER NO. 92-539 ✓
JULY 10, 1992

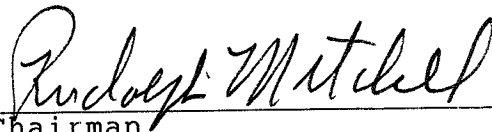
IN RE:	Application of Certain South)	
	Carolina Local Exchange)	ORDER RULING ON
	Companies (LECs) for Approval)	MOTION OF MCI
	of an Expanded Area Calling)	
	Plan.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Notice of Motion and Motion filed on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) whereby MCI moves for a stay of the Commission's decision in the instant Docket. In support of its Motion, MCI alleges that MCI and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) have filed, in separate Dockets, Applications for authority to provide intraLATA telecommunications services within South Carolina. According to the Motion, the EAC plan imposes a mandatory local rate increase to fund the type of intraLATA toll reductions which would occur naturally in a competitive environment. According to the Motion of MCI, this mandatory plan extends the monopoly of the LECs to a LATA-wide area, thereby eliminating the possibility of intraLATA competition. MCI further alleges that any decision by this Commission with respect to the EAC plan will have a direct impact on the competition proceedings. Accordingly, MCI requests the

Commission to defer or stay any decision in the instant Docket until the intraLATA competition proceedings have been concluded.

The Commission has considered the Motion of MCI and its allegations contained therein. The Commission has determined that it would be premature to make a decision as to the impact of the EAC plan on the intraLATA certificate filings of MCI and the other requesting interexchange carriers until the Commission has the opportunity to hear the evidence presented in the instant Docket. Therefore, the Commission will stay its ruling on MCI's Motion until the hearing in the instant Docket is held and evidence is presented. MCI may renew its motion without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED:


VICE Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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